



Disaster Response Summary
GA Floods Disaster Summary Report
September 23, 2009 – 11:00 A.M. (EDT)

**If your constituents need to reach the Red Cross for assistance,
please have them call 1-800-RED-CROSS.**

OPERATIONS

As rising flood waters cover the Southeast, hundreds have looked to the American Red Cross for shelter as officials estimate the number of people needing help could rise dramatically. As of midnight last night, there were more than 350 individuals registered in seven Red Cross shelters in Georgia. The American Red Cross is providing a safe place to stay, food to eat, and a shoulder to lean on for those affected by the flooding.

The Red Cross is working closely with local, state and federal emergency management to determine the needs of those affected by the flood and will continue to assess the need for emergency sheltering/lodging in the coming days.

SHELTER LOCATIONS

Shelter and evacuation center locations are subject to change based on need and/or external conditions. For the most up-to-date locations please call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

CHATOOGA COUNTY

Summerville Pentecostal Worship Center
116 Lake WandaRieta Rd.
Summerville, GA 30747

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency
7545 Main St. Building 200
Woodstock, GA 30188

COBB COUNTY

Cobb Civic Center
548 South Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060

DEKALB

Clairmont Presbyterian Church
1994 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033

GWINNETT COUNTY

First United Methodist Church
395 W. Crogan St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

PAULDING COUNTY

Hiram High School
702 Balentine Drive
Hiram, GA 30141

WALKER COUNTY

Walker County Civic Center
10052 N. Hwy 27
Rock Spring, GA 30739

DISASTER WELFARE INQUIRIES

The Red Cross encourages local residents to use the Safe and Well service to stay in touch with family and friends. If your office receives calls from individuals outside the disaster area who are trying to locate individuals in the affected areas, please direct them to the American Red Cross Safe and Well website. The site can be accessed by visiting www.redcross.org or www.safeandwell.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONTACTS

For questions, please contact a member of the Red Cross Congressional Affairs team:

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